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Applicants submit that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance and is being submitted with the fee set forth by 37 CFR §1.17(p). Therefore, Applicants submit that no certification is necessary for consideration of these references.

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other information discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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